

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording and reproducing system comprising:

a record medium holding (1) a plurality of data files ~~of~~ storing predetermined data, (2) a plurality of play list files ~~of~~ storing a play list describing a reproduction order, in which one or more of the plurality of data files are to be played, and (3) a play list file menu file ~~of~~ storing a play list file menu which is information about a hierarchical structure by which the play list files are accessible;

play list file menu storing means ~~of~~ configured to storing store the play list file menu in the play list file menu file;

play list file menu display means ~~of~~ configured to displaying display to the outside play list file menu information on all or a part of the stored play list file menu;

play list file selecting means ~~of~~ configured to selecting select a predetermined play list file according to an instruction from the outside; and

data reproducing means ~~of~~ configured to reproducing reproduce the predetermined data stored by the plurality of data files respectively by using the reproduction order based on the selected play list file.

2. (Previously Presented) The recording and reproducing system according to claim 1, wherein the play list file menu display means is configured to display the play list file menu information in consideration of a type of the predetermined data reproducible by the data reproducing means.

3. (Previously Presented) The recording and reproducing system according to claim 1, wherein the play list file menu display means is configured to display the play list file menu information by displaying at least one thumbnail image corresponding to at least one respective

play list file, the displayed at least one thumbnail image changing according to a state in which the play list file selecting means selects the predetermined play list file.

4. (Previously Presented) The recording and reproducing system according to claim 1, wherein the play list file menu display means is configured to display the play list file menu information by using predetermined text data on all or a part of the play list.

5. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

play list file menu storing means ~~of configured to storing~~store, in a play list file menu file, a play list file menu which is information about a hierarchical structure by which a plurality of play list files ~~of storing~~a play list describing a reproduction order, in which one or more of a plurality of data files ~~of storing~~predetermined data are to be played, are accessible, wherein:

a record medium holds (1) the plurality of data files, (2) the plurality of play list files, and (3) the play list file menu file.

6. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus according to claim 5, wherein:

the play list file menu information on all or a part of the stored play list file menu is displayed to the outside,

a predetermined play list file is selected according to an instruction from the outside, and

the predetermined data stored by the plurality of data files respectively is reproduced by using the reproduction order based on the selected play list file.

7. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus comprising:

play list file menu display means ~~of configured to displaying~~display to the outside play list file menu information on all or a part of a play list file menu which is information about a hierarchical structure by which a plurality of play list files ~~of storing~~a play list describing a reproduction order, in which one or more of a plurality of data files ~~of storing~~predetermined data are to be played, are accessible;

play list file selecting means ~~of configured to selecting~~select a predetermined play list file according to an instruction from the outside; and

data reproducing means ~~of configured to reproducing-reproduce~~ the predetermined data stored by the plurality of data files respectively by using the reproduction order based on the selected play list file, wherein:

a record medium holds (1) the plurality of data files, (2) the plurality of play list files, and (3) a play list file menu file ~~of~~-storing the play list file menu.

8. (Currently Amended) A record medium holding (1) a plurality of data files ~~of~~ storing predetermined data, (2) a plurality of play list files ~~of~~-storing a play list describing a reproduction order, in which one or more of the plurality of data files are to be played, and (3) a play list file menu file ~~of~~-storing a play list file menu which is information about a hierarchical structure by which the play list files are accessible.

9. (Previously Presented) The record medium according to claim 8, wherein:

the play list file menu information on all or a part of the stored play list file menu is displayed to the outside,

a predetermined play list file is selected according to an instruction from the outside, and

the predetermined data stored by the plurality of data files respectively is reproduced by using the reproduction order based on the selected play list file.

10. (Currently Amended) A recording and reproducing method comprising:

a play list file menu storing step of storing, in a play list file menu file, a play list file menu which is information about a hierarchical structure by which a plurality of play list files ~~of~~ storing a play list describing a reproduction order, in which one or more of a plurality of data files ~~of~~-storing predetermined data are to be played, are accessible;

a play list file menu display step of displaying to the outside play list file menu information on all or a part of the stored play list file menu;

a play list file selecting step of selecting a predetermined play list file according to an instruction from the outside; and

a data reproducing step of reproducing the predetermined data stored by the plurality of data files respectively by using the reproduction order based on the selected play list file, wherein:

a record medium holds (1) the plurality of data files, (2) the plurality of play list files, and (3) the play list file menu file.

11. (Currently Amended) A recording method comprising a play list file menu storing step of storing, in a play list file menu file, a play list file menu which is information about a hierarchical structure by which a plurality of play list files ~~of~~-storing a play list describing a reproduction order, in which one or more of a plurality of data files ~~of~~-storing predetermined data are to be played, are accessible, wherein:

a record medium holds (1) the plurality of data files, (2) the plurality of play list files, and (3) the play list file menu file.

12. (Currently Amended) A reproducing method comprising:

a play list file menu display step of displaying to the outside play list file menu information on all or a part of a play list file menu which is information about a hierarchical structure by which a plurality of play list files ~~of~~-storing a play list describing a reproduction order, in which one or more of a plurality of data files of storing predetermined data are to be played, are accessible;

a play list file selecting step of selecting a predetermined play list file according to an instruction from the outside; and

a data reproducing step of reproducing the predetermined data stored by the plurality of data files respectively by using the reproduction order based on the selected play list file, wherein:

a record medium holds (1) the plurality of data files, (2) the plurality of play list files, and (3) a play list file menu file ~~of~~-storing the play list file menu.

13. (Previously Presented) A tangible computer readable medium including a program that is adapted to control a computer to implement the method of claim 10.

14. (Previously Presented) A tangible computer readable medium including a program that is adapted to control a computer to implement the method of claim 11.

15. (Previously Presented) A tangible computer readable medium including a program that is adapted to control a computer to implement the method of claim 12.

16. - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) The recording and reproducing system according to claim 2, wherein the play list file menu display means is configured to display only the play list file menu information concerning the play lists selectable through the play list file menus of lower layers, which are supported by the data reproducing means.